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Remarks/Arguments

Claims 19-34 are pending in this application. Claims 19, 23 and 28 have been amended.

The Examiner rejected claims 19-34 as being anticipated by Quatrano et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,748,420) under 35 U.S.C. Section 102(e). The applicants respectfully submit that independent claims 19 and 28, as amended, and their respective dependent claims, are patentably distinguishable over the cited art. Specifically, Quattrano does not disclose, teach, or suggest a system or method that enables an application program executing on one of the users' client computers in an on-line conference to be shared with one or more of the other users' client computers in the on-line conference via the web browser of each of the one or more of the other users' client computers. Instead, what is taught in Quattrano is users sharing an application provided by a central application server (item 50 in Fig. 3). This is significantly different than what is claimed in the present invention because the system disclosed in Quattrano would require the shared application to be uploaded to a central application server, whereas, in the present invention, a user can simply share an application on his/her respective machine without having to upload the application to a central server. Accordingly, claims 19 and 28 and their respective dependent claims are patentable in light of the cited art.

Prompt and favorable action on the merits of the claims is earnestly solicited. Should the Examiner have any questions or comments, the undersigned can be reached at (949) 567-6700.

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The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee which may be required in connection with this Amendment to deposit account No. 15-0665.

Respectfully submitted,

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